REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of January 16th, 2006

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 20, 2006, members of the NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force (NY/NJ RFTF) and members of the Eastern District of Pennsylvania's Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force (VCFTF) arrested James Moore without incident at a residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Moore was wanted by the Mount Laurel (NJ) Police Department on charges of armed bank robbery. On January 5, 2006, Moore entered a bank in Mount Laurel, announced a robbery, and told the clerk that she had four seconds to produce all the cash in her drawer or he would shoot her. Moore fled with more than \$30,000.00. Efforts to locate the suspect by Mt. Laurel PD were unsuccessful and on January 19, 2006, the case was referred to the NY/NJ RFTF. Investigation by the NY/NJ RFTF, VCFTF, and the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group led to a location for the subject. On January 20, 2006, Task Force members gained entry into the residence. Moore was taken into custody after he and several other individuals attempted to flee out the rear of the residence. Others were found hiding in the basement, including one individual wanted in Philadelphia on a narcotics charge. It was learned that Moore and the other occupants of the residence were attempting to elude capture by trying to gain access to a trap door and tunnel in the basement area which allowed access to an abandoned house next door. The subjects were transported to the South West Detective Division (18th Police District) in Philadelphia for processing following the arrest.



James Moore

Wanted for Armed Bank Robbery

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 3, 2005, at approximately 3:45 a.m., members of the Seventh District Metropolitan Police Department responded to a man down in Southeast, Washington, D.C. Upon arriving, officers found a victim lying unconscious in the parking lot, suffering from gunshot wounds. The victim ultimately died from his trauma and was ruled the victim of a homicide. Detectives from the Metropolitan Police Department were able to identify the shooter and on January 17, 2006, a warrant was issued out of D.C. Superior Court for the arrest of Davon D. Mangum charging him with 2nd degree murder while armed. The case was immediately referred to the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) for apprehension. Within 48 hours, CARFTF investigators developed information on the location of Mangum and arrested him without incident.



Davon Mangum

Wanted for 2nd Degree Murder While Armed

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Jennifer Reinhardt was arrested in Los Angeles, California on January 19, 2006 by members of the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF) and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD). Reinhardt, a member of the "East Side Torrance" street gang was wanted by the Torrance, California Police Department (TPD) for two counts of attempted murder, stemming from a "road rage" incident which occurred on December 18, 2005 in Torrance. The charges against Reinhardt allege that she became involved in a verbal altercation with two men while driving along Torrance Blvd. and began flashing gang signs and shouting profanities at them. She continued to follow them until the men eventually stopped at an intersection, at which time she maneuvered her vehicle around theirs and stopped in front of their vehicle, facing them "head on." Reinhardt then leaned out of the driver's window of her vehicle and fired approximately five rounds, which struck the hood and windshield of the victims' vehicle. The victims were not injured during this incident and eventually flagged down a Torrance Police patrol car to report the incident. Torrance Police detectives identified Reinhardt as the shooter in this incident and, on January 4, 2006, requested the assistance of the PSWRFTF to locate and apprehend her. PSWRFTF investigators developed information concerning several locations believed to be associated with Reinhardt. Working closely with the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), investigators determined that Reinhardt was in Oregon, but were unable to identify a more specific location. On January 19, 2006, PSWRFTF investigators developed information that Reinhardt was on board a bus, en route from Oregon to Los Angeles and initiated surveillance at the bus station in downtown Los Angeles. That afternoon, Reinhardt was observed getting off a bus at the station was arrested without incident. She was booked on two counts of attempted murder, with bail set at \$1,000,000.

"East Side Torrance" street gang member



Jennifer Reinhardt (both photos)

Wanted for Attempted Murder

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 18, 2006, the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF) arrested John Ruffin in Indianapolis, Indiana, in response to a collateral lead from the Eastern District of Louisiana (E/LA). Ruffin was wanted for 1st degree murder in Assumption Parish, Louisiana for a homicide committed on September 12, 2004. Local authorities were able to identify Ruffin as the murderer shortly after Hurricane Katrina struck Louisiana. Ruffin was formally charged on September 8, 2005, roughly a week after the hurricane. Ruffin fled the area shortly after being charged. On January 4, 2006, Assumption Parish asked the USMS for assistance in locating the fugitive. Deputy marshals in E/LA were able to identify a girlfriend of Ruffin who had knowledge of the outstanding murder warrant. She had relocated to Indianapolis, Indiana and was receiving multiple forms of assistance related to hurricane relief efforts, including residence provided by a local church. Ruffin was located at that residence and taken into custody without incident.



John Ruffin

Wanted for 1st Degree Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On January 4, 2006, the Detroit Fugitive Apprehension Team and the Violent Crimes Fugitive Task Force, responding to a collateral lead supplied by the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF), were able to locate and arrest fugitive Rodney Peterson. Critical assistance was also provided by the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG). Peterson was wanted by the DeKalb County, Georgia Sheriff's Office for aggravated assault on a police officer, possession of marijuana, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, theft by receiving a firearm, and possession of a firearm during the commission of a crime. He was also wanted for parole violation by the Georgia Board of Pardons and Paroles. On December 9, 2005, officers from the Clarkston Police Department (Dekalb County, GA) attempted to arrest Peterson at his residence on a felony drug warrant. During the arrest attempt, Peterson fled out the back door where he encountered a police officer. The officer was able to hold the subject down and place one handcuff on before Peterson produced a 9mm pistol and shot the officer three times. One bullet struck the officer in the arm while the other two shots struck his ballistic vest. Following the shooting, Peterson fled into the woods where his jacket and two pistols were later found. After a month long investigation by the SERFTF, in which Peterson was tracked from Georgia to Ohio, new leads were developed by TOG indicating that the subject was possibly in the Detroit, Michigan area. The information was submitted to the U.S. Marshals office in the Detroit where the investigation continued. It was eventually learned that Peterson was staying at a residence in Highland Park, Michigan, an area of residential Detroit. Residing with him was a female companion from the Atlanta area. On the morning of the January 4, 2006, deputy marshals and Task Force agents entered the residence and placed Peterson into custody without incident. Peterson has seven prior arrests for narcotics, weapons offenses, probation violation, and gang terrorism.



Rodney Peterson

Wanted for
Aggravated Assault on
a Police Officer,
Possession of
Marijuana, Possession
of a Firearm by a
Convicted Felon,
Theft by Receiving a
Firearm, and
Possession of a
Firearm during the
commission of a crime